

Date: June 16, 2016

Time: 7:03PM

Place: Town Hall

Egremont

Present were Egremont Selectmen Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner, and Selectman Brazie and Sheffield Selectmen Nadine Hawver and David Smith and Sheffield Town Administrator Rhonda LaBombard.

This meeting is recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes and is video recorded.

The two boards met jointly to discuss ways in which services could be shared between the two towns.

A suggestion has been made to share Police Chiefø. Egremontø is retiring and Sheffield is in contract negotiations. The two departments already work cohesively together on training, mutual aid and sharing of officers. Egremont may need some cooperation in the near future for mentoring its new chief and or services of an interim chief. Sheffieldø chief has already asked how he would report to two entities and how the budget would be set up. Sheffield and Egremont are both 24/7 departments. Sheffield has two officers on duty during the day shift and the 4pm to midnight shift. Egremont has one officer on at a time. Current questions and concerns to consider:

- How to move forward?

- Share Chief or combine departments?

- Need for a Sergeant in Egremont?

- Police Committee involving reps from both Towns?

- Time table to implement?

- Are there any other towns/cities in the Commonwealth that share?

- Will any legislation be needed to implement this?

Also put on the table for discussion was a shared Road Superintendent with administrative duties, not labor duties. Sheffield currently has a formerly retired, interim Superintendent and Egremont is experiencing some difficulties in its department. It is felt this would enhance services in both towns, though not necessarily save money as another laborer would need to be hired.

The two towns will meet again in the middle of July to talk about questions and concerns regarding both.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator